

## EXCHANGE BANK

Get Into Its Elegant New Building Promptly on Time.

## THROUGHS INSPECT THE BANK.

It is Handsomely Fitted, Complete and Convenient in All Respects—A History of this Leading Financial Institution of Wheeling Since the Days of the Old Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank—A Glance at the New Building.

Yesterday the Exchange bank moved from its temporary quarters on the west side of Main street into the elegant new building on the corner of Main and Twelfth streets. The new building is one of the most complete, elegantly appointed and convenient in the state. It is certainly not surpassed by any, if it does not surpass them all. There is scarcely a modern device for safety or convenience which has not been adopted here, from the handiness of the entrance to the security of the vault. The building has already been described fully in the Intelligencer. The accompanying illustration conveys a good idea of its imposing proportions. It may not be amiss at this time to put on record a history of what is certainly one of Wheeling's foremost financial institutions. The Intelligencer had the following sketch prepared:

By an act of the general assembly of the state of Virginia, passed March 7, 1834, the Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank of Wheeling, was incorporated. It being provided that the capital should

1837, Mr. Brady took charge of the bank March 7, 1837, and continued in office as cashier until the bank wound up in 1855.

Radick McKee resigned as president April 25, 1837, to take effect May 1. On that date David Agnew was elected as his successor.

January 8, 1838, Mr. Agnew declined re-election and James Caldwell was elected.

Mr. Caldwell died in May, 1838, and Mr. Joseph Caldwell was elected to fill the vacancy.

August 7, 1838, the building committee reported that it had contracted with Messrs. Coen, White & Baldwin for the erection of a banking house. The contractors were to receive \$12,000 and the brick building standing on the north east corner of Main and Monroe streets.

On January 10, 1844, John W. Gill was elected president, vice Joseph Caldwell, resigned. Mr. Gill served until January 31, 1846, at which time he was succeeded by Mr. Samuel Ott. Mr. Ott after serving the bank for two years declined re-election, and on January 12, 1848, Mr. Robert Crangle served as president from that time until the Merchants' National Bank of West Virginia at Wheeling was formed for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank, thereby succeeding it in business.

The Merchants' National Bank of West Virginia at Wheeling, was chartered and authorized to do business June 28, 1855, succeeding to and at that time taking up and continuing the business of the old Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank. Mr. Robert Crangle was president and Sobieski Brady cashier.

Mr. Crangle continued as president until 1858, when he resigned, and on February 18, 1858, Mr. J. N. Vance was elected as president, which position he filled until the bank went into liquidation.

In March, 1871, Mr. Brady resigned his position as cashier and on March 31, 1871, Mr. John J. Jones was elected to fill the vacancy.

On July 7, 1874, the Merchants' National Bank went into liquidation and was succeeded, August 4, 1874, by the Exchange Bank of Wheeling, doing business under a state charter. J. N. Vance was president and John J. Jones cashier.

In December, 1894, owing to ill health, Mr. Jones resigned, and Mr. L. E. Sands, assistant cashier of the National Bank of West Virginia, was elected to fill the vacancy.

In April, 1895, the board decided to erect a new banking house, and in May of the same year rented temporary quarters, and the present building was commenced, a contract having been awarded to L. G. Hallock, Mr. Edward Stotz, of Pittsburgh, was the architect.

After the bank opened business in its new quarters yesterday it was over-run with visitors all day. Many of these were ladies, and all were loud in their expressions of complimentary remarks.

In the Justice's Court.

John Mc Andrews was arraigned before Squire Fitzpatrick yesterday on a charge of highway robbery, preferred by John Eichberg, and was held for a hearing on Friday in bail of \$500.

Alice Bradford gave bail in Squire Gillespie's court on six charges of renting houses to be used as houses of ill fame, for her appearance at the next term of the criminal court to answer to the action of the grand jury.

William Cline, on a charge of loitering in a house of ill fame, was also recognized to court. On two charges of assault and battery on his wife he was fined \$5 and costs each, which he paid.

"1492" To-night.

This evening Rice's "1492" will be seen at the Opera House. The organization which comes this time is one of the strongest and best equipped that has taken the road since the triumphal tour of Rice's original "Evangeline" company.

The present organization includes Beale Bonehill, whose impersonation of Roy's roles has been universally pronounced the most successful, attractive and refined that has yet been offered in American theatres. She comes from a long record of prolonged successes on the stage, and is a cold and accomplished, graceful and well bred young woman. As an additional magnet to this organization, Mr. Richard Harlow has been engaged for this tour to play "Isabella," the daisy queen of Spain, his original creation in the New York cast, and one which has already won him fame on two continents.

DURING the winter of 1895, F. M. Martin, of Long Reach, West Va., contracted a severe cold which left him with a cough. In speaking of how he cured it he says: "I used several kinds of cough syrups, but found no relief until I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which relieved me almost instantly, and in a short time brought about a complete cure." When troubled with a cough or cold, and wishing to try several kinds before you get relief, it has been in the market for over twenty years and constantly grown in favor and popularity. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle.

ACTUATED by a desire to become suddenly rich and influential and partly through motives of pure philanthropy, I beg to inform you that I have entirely remodelled my place of business (formerly known as the White Front), 1236 Market street, and on Thursday, April 2, 1896, the place will be open to the inspection of my friends and the public at large.

Trusting to meet you there on that day, I remain yours respectfully,

J. CALDWELL.  
JOHN FAWCETT.  
JOHN RITCHIE.

The report was adopted and the purchase made.

George A. Clark resigned as cashier October 28, 1895, and S. Brady was elected to fill the vacancy, February 7,

## THE RESCUE HOME.

To-day is the First Anniversary of its Organization—An Official Statement.

The Florence Critchenden Rescue Home will be one year old to-day, and its work so far has been carried on very successfully by the Women's Christian Temperance Union. The following statement of what has been accomplished at the home, and an expression of thanks from the secretary will prove interesting at this time.

The Florence Critchenden Rescue Home, which was opened April 1, 1895, is situated on Seventeenth street, No. 71. The object of this rescue home is to aid fallen and betrayed girls to lead pure lives. It is entirely charitable. No board or price is asked or taken from an inmate. Neither is there any compulsion used to keep one. No one can remain in the home unless she declares her purpose to lead a good life and obey the matron and the rules of the home. Our first desire is to restate a girl in the hearts of her kindred, and in that way a number who were supposed to be dead by their parents or friends, or worse than dead, have been invited to return to the home of their childhood. During the year we have sheltered (some for months) twenty-six girls. As I write, the faces and sad histories of many pass before me. I could write until the public would grow weary, and then the hair would have been bald. Most of our girls are guilty—but few blame their parents. It is usually the story of late hours at night, and drink, and how bitterly they grieve over their own destruction. When inmates of the jail, or of "houses of shame" are told that there are women that pity them and are reaching out their hands to help them, they are dazed at the thought, and it is almost beyond belief by them; they think it a delusion and snare to entrap them, and the quiet little home on Seventeenth street they fear is a prison.

The girls of the rescue home do the work of the house and sew, and usually in a few weeks desire places to earn their living. The board of managers do all they can to help all who are able to get places, and encourage them to be faithful in all things. If one falls sick or finds she cannot give satisfaction, we will take her in until she secures another home. The public has been very kind to us, giving us money and kind words, trusting us one year ago when we had nothing to show them or tell them. Now we can tell you that we used the money you gave us, in the fear of God, for the uplifting of the forsaken and aid to you for them: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

The women of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union expect to continue this work as long as a girl says, "I am so tired, I wish I was dead."

Our home can be seen during every day, but the Sabbath by visitors. The matron will kindly give any information required.

We of the board of managers thank the public again for the great confidence shown us, and can say that after a year's contact with the sorrowing, we have more faith in the All Father and humanity than we ever had.

We thank all the newspapers of the city. Also the chief of police and staff, for their kindness to us.

We thank all who have aided us and ask that they continue their gifts, although they may seem small to the donor, yet to us they are great. While we need help for the coming year, we are glad to say our "Rescue Home is free from debt and we are very hopeful for the future."

He, the Maker, knows what is best. Hope is strength, and trust is rest.

SECTY-BOARD OF MANAGERS.  
Wheeling, W. Va., March 26, '96.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctor she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life.

Mr. Thomas Eggers, 139 Florida street, San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else, then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds.

Free trial bottles at Logan Drug Co.'s Drug Store. Regular size 50c and \$1.50.

DON'T invite disappointment by experimenting. Depend upon One Minute Cough Cure and you have immediate relief. It cures croup. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. Logan & Co., Wheeling, W. Va. B. F. Peabody, Benwood, and Bowie & Co., Bridgeport, O.

That

Extreme tired feeling afflicts nearly everybody at this season. The hustlers cease to push, the tireless grow weary, the energetic become enervated. You know just what we mean. Some men and women endeavor temporarily to overcome that

Tired

Feeling by great force of will. But this is unsafe, as it pulls powerfully upon the nervous system, which will not long stand such strain. Too many people "work on their nerves," and the result is seen in unfortunate wrecks marked "nervous prostration," in every direction. That tired

Feel-

ing is a positive proof of thin, weak, impure blood; for, if the blood is rich, red, vitalized and vigorous, it imparts life and energy to every nerve, organ and tissue of the body. The necessity of taking Hood's Sarsaparilla for that tired feeling is, therefore, apparent to every one, and the good it will do you is equally beyond question. Remember that

Hood's

Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists, \$1. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills are easy to take, easy to operate. 25 cents.

WATCHES—JOHN BECKER & CO.

Combination in the—

JEWELRY BUSINESS.

We have combined all our efforts this season, not for the purpose of obtaining better prices, but to show one of the finest stocks of DIAMONDS, WATCHES and FINE JEWELRY the market produces.

We will continue to sell at the very low price for which we are noted.

JOHN BECKER & CO.,

JEWELERS AND OPTICIANS,

3527 JACOB STREET.

N. B.—Special care in fitting lenses.

## Gentlemen, Easter is Nigh.

We would suggest before you leave your measure or select a suit of clothes call on us. We have all the spring fabrics for suits and Spring Top Coats, all that is new and dear in good, dressy—Bates, 1st Floor, Second Floor, French and London style Trousering. We can suit your wants in style and touch your purse lightly.

Suits made to order for \$20, \$25, \$30, \$35, \$40, \$45, \$50, \$55, \$60, \$65, \$70, \$75, \$80, \$85, \$90, \$95, \$100, \$110, \$120, \$130, \$140, \$150, \$160, \$170, \$180, \$190, \$200, \$210, \$220, \$230, \$240, \$250, \$260, \$270, \$280, \$290, \$300, \$310, \$320, \$330, \$340, \$350, \$360, \$370, \$380, \$390, \$400, \$410, \$420, \$430, \$440, \$450, \$460, \$470, \$480, \$490, \$500, \$510, \$520, \$530, \$540, \$550, \$560, \$570, \$580, \$590, \$600, \$610, \$620, \$630, \$640, \$650, \$660, \$670, \$680, \$690, \$700, \$710, \$720, \$730, \$740, \$750, \$760, \$770, \$780, \$790, \$800, \$810, \$820, \$830, \$840, \$850, \$860, \$870, \$880, \$890, \$900, \$910, \$920, \$930, \$940, \$950, \$960, \$970, \$980, \$990, \$1000.

Trousers made to order for \$2 to \$6.

We are not here for a month or a year, but we are here to stay.

Misfit Clothing Parlors, THE BUSY STORE, 1833

Open evenings till 9 o'clock. All goods sold by us kept in repair free of charge. BRANCH STORES—Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Washington.

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